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Men's \$3.50 to \$5
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EARS MOVING TO TOP OF THE HEAD

HIGH COLLARS WORN BY WOMEN WILL EVENTUALLY CROWD THE EARS OFF THE HEAD ENTIRELY.

"Nature performs wonderful transformations," said Dr. Krause of the Emergency hospital staff, yesterday, "to accommodate herself to the changes in fashion which are continually taking place. The use of collars for generations has resulted in the abnormally small waist of the ordinary woman. The facial lines characteristic of the races of emigrants who come to this country are lost in a generation or two and there is nothing but the name left to indicate that they have not been in this country since the Declaration of Independence."

The latest noticeable change is in the ears of the women of this country. Any physician will tell you if he takes the trouble to investigate that the external organ of hearing is gradually traveling toward the top of the head in this country. The probable and only assignable cause for this change is the extraordinarily high collars worn by the women who follow the existing style. The continual agitation and irritation of the skin and muscles under the ear causes an involuntary effort of the muscles to raise the organ out of reach of the collar. Then the ear starts on its travels and the collar follows it up. The more the ear rises the higher is the collar worn, until the ever advancing band of lace will eventually drive the ears to the top of the head.

The great mop of hair extending around and covering the ears makes them larger and holds them tight to the head. The logical result of this progress will be ears as long as can be accommodated under the enormous merry widow hat and lying flat on the top of the head. The styles of hats change, as they undoubtedly will in another season, dermatologists and beauty specialists will be called upon rather to trim off the surplus of the ears of bull dogs are cut, or to start a retrogressive movement of the external ear. It will probably require several generations to get the ears back to their original position after they have reached the top of the head.

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JUNDAY DINNER AND SILVERWARE STOLEN

PERCY CHATFIELD ARRESTED FOR BREAKING INTO RESIDENCE OF H. B. SPENCER SATURDAY AND SUNDAY NIGHTS.

Percy Chatfield, 20 years old, a colored boy belonging in this city, was arrested by Sgt. Cronan, yesterday. Chatfield was charged with burglary in the city court this morning and his case was continued until to-morrow. Last Saturday night the ice box at the home of Mrs. H. B. Spencer, State and Courtland streets, was broken into and the Sunday dinner of the family was taken. On Sunday night the house was again entered in the night and a quantity of silverware taken. The burglar got no further than the dining room and his loot was not very valuable. Yesterday Chatfield was served some of the silver and Detective Cronan placed him under arrest. Percy has been shining around the colored girls employed in the neighborhood and was immediately suspected of the burglary.

NEWTOWN.

Mrs. Charles H. Northrop of Brooklyn, has presented Middle District school with a globe and a book, Thursday evening, and will give a talk upon "Ceylon," where he was for sometime stationed as a member of the consular service of the United States.

The reception to be given by Miss Ashcraft to her dancing class, Tuesday evening, was postponed on account of the weather and will be held tonight. Miss Elizabeth Chambers and Miss Mabel Camp of Waterbury, have been guests of Mrs. S. Ernest Sandford.

Alfred Finch of Boston, is the guest of his brother, Charles H. Finch, of Trinity church supper will be held this evening in the Guild hall. Admission will be 25 cents, including an entertainment.

Harry Ruff who has been occupying part of the J. H. Blackman residence, recently purchased by H. N. Tiemann, will move into part of Miss Ann Blackman's house, March 1.

Mrs. H. N. Greenman is entertaining her father, Frank Mallett, of Tashua.

MR. DOYLE WILL SPEAK UPON CEYLON
Wm. H. Doyle will be a guest of Elias Howe Post, G. A. R., Thursday evening, and will give a talk upon "Ceylon," where he was for sometime stationed as a member of the consular service of the United States.

Your Hair is Worth It

Afraid to use hair preparations? Don't know exactly what to do? Then why not consult your doctor? Isn't your hair worth it? Ask him if he endorses Ayer's Hair Vigor for falling hair, dandruff, a hair tonic and dressing. Have confidence in his advice. Follow it. He knows.

ALL IN FAVOR OF

TARIFF COMMISSION

Convention at Indianapolis Opened Yesterday With 500 Delegates Present.

Indianapolis, Feb. 17.—The tariff commission convention got started yesterday with 500 delegates representing nearly all parts of the Union. The delegates were welcomed by Gov. Marshall and Mayor Bookwalter and the purposes of the convention were explained by Henry Riesenberg in a short address.

J. W. Van Cleave, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, permanent chairman of the convention, was received with great applause when he rose to speak and there was pronounced approval when he declared that the tariff must be taken out of partisan politics and kept out.

Congressman Charles N. Fowler made a strong plea for organization as the only means of getting a tariff commission and recommended that every commercial body in the United States be organized into a campaign club and through the sheer force of voting power compel members of Congress to commit themselves to the programme.

H. E. Miles, chairman of the tariff committee of the National Association of Manufacturers, speaking as an avowed protectionist, threw some hot shots into the "special interests" that he said have brought tariff into disrepute. He reviewed the methods by which Congress had been brought to raise rates higher than fair protection required, "so high," he declared, as to constitute a prohibition of importation. Reviewing the growth of consolidations under this fostering system he declared that \$6,000,000 domestic consumers have thus been delivered over to these consolidated "units" and are subjected to such prices as these "units" see fit to impose.

Former Governor Guild of Massachusetts opened his speech thus: "Let me say frankly to you that there is some distrust in business circles in New England in regard to this convention, and some business organizations have indicated that they are here for fear that this convention might by vote practically postpone immediate tariff revision by the suggestion that an investigation by a proposed commission should precede any action by Congress."

"If any such idea prevails I trust it may be defeated. The present tariff is not a protectionist tariff. It is a tariff of protection. It needs to be modernized, and modernized now with such information as Congress may be able at once to obtain. Any question of any commission must be as a corollary to the new modern tariff to be prepared at once by Congress. It is better that the new tariff should contain, as it will, some errors, than that immediate consideration of this question should be further evaded or postponed."

"We want revision and we want it now. Any commission proposed or appointed must of necessity take up its labors as a gleamer after the present Congress has reaped the field now white for the harvest."

CASTORIA.

The seventh anniversary of the Sigma Epsilon society was appropriately recognized by the members at the home of Mrs. G. L. Treadwell last evening. The rooms were handsomely decorated in the colors of the society. An elaborate luncheon was served and the evening passed pleasantly. The following members were present: Misses Josephine Eckel, Isabella Bruce, Margaret Bruce, Ivah Lake, Ethel Lake, Lydia Huber, Pearl Liskom, Grace Watt, Jennie Logan, Mrs. W. H. Griswold, Marie Scott, Bertha Wheeler, Mrs. N. Wright, Katherine Card, Mrs. G. L. Treadwell, Mrs. W. Hendricks, Mrs. J. Robinson, Gilbert Vance, Minnie Kuster, Grace Bestick, Harriet Benton, Minnie Eevers, Etta Geist.

PET BIRDS GIVES FIRE WARNING

(Special from United Press.) New York, Feb. 17.—"Gee—another fire," yelled the pet macaw, and William Simpson, his wife and her sister woke up just in time to escape from their blazing home to-day. The stairs were burned away but they crawled along a cornice of the building to the roof of an adjoining house. They forgot the macaw who had saved them, so Simpson crawled back into the burning room and dragged out the bird. This is the second fire that the bird has experienced and the recollection of the first one undoubtedly prompted the macaw's warning.

FAIL TO PASS

NAVAL BILL

Night Session of Senate Couldn't Com-pass It.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The Senate adjourned at 10:30 o'clock without having passed the naval appropriation bill, although the leaders had used every effort to have the measure adopted. After discussing the bill for four hours yesterday the senate took a recess from 5 until 9 o'clock. When the adjournment was taken the consideration of the bill in committee of the whole had been completed and the measure will be taken up in the open session today.

Three pet projects of President Roosevelt were set down upon by the Senate. An amendment requiring a reversal of the President's order detaching marines from war vessels was adopted. The Senate adopted also an amendment providing that the two battleships by the bill should be of the general type and maximum displacement of the Utah and the Florida, and exclusive of armor and armament should cost not exceeding \$4,500,000. The Utah and the Florida are of about 21,000 tons displacement. President Roosevelt urged 26,000 tons ships. On a point of order made by Senator Clay of Georgia the Vice-President ruled out of the bill the provision to make permanent the President's commission to reorganize the navy.

Just before the Senate adjourned Senator La Follette presented an amendment, which went over for further consideration, to create a commission of army and navy engineers to report on questions of type and character of battleships, the location of navy yards and other things which have been the subject of Mr. La Follette's criticism.

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CROSSLEY HELD ON BURGLARY CHARGE

TORRE LEAD PIPE AND BRASS FIXTURES FROM HOUSE OWNED BY MRS. KENNELLY ON MADISON AVENUE.

Samuel Crossley was bound over to the Superior court, in the city court this morning and his bond was fixed at \$3,000, by Judge Foster. Crossley is charged with breaking into the house owned by Mrs. Patrick Kennelly, Madison avenue, and removing lead pipe and brass fixtures. Crossley was arrested by Officer Flanagan on suspicion. He had a quantity of gas fixtures which he was trying to conceal under his coat. He was locked up at headquarters and a short time afterward the theft was reported. Crossley was bound over on two charges, burglary and injury to property.

STOLE CLOTHING OF HER DEAD EMPLOYER

Detective Sergeant John J. McConnell of the Newark police force came to this city yesterday. Agnes Godus, who was arrested here at the request of the Newark officers, was turned over to him and he left immediately with his prisoner. The Godus girl was employed by a Mrs. Cunningham of Monmouth and after her death disappeared with some clothing and other articles belonging to the dead woman. She is charged with grand larceny.

MIGHT DROP SOMETHING BESIDES HANDBILLS

(Special from United Press.) London, Feb. 17.—Determined to reach Parliament by means of a balloon, the militant suffragettes to-day began negotiations for a dirigible air craft. Miss Muriel Matters, in commenting on her exploit in dropping thousands of handbills from a balloon yesterday, declared significantly: "And it will be just as easy to throw something else from the balloon."

LADIES WHO WILL MANAGE WHIST FOR QUEEN'S DAUGHTERS

Final arrangements for informal dance and whist to be given by the Queen's Daughters, Feb. 18, at the Stratfield, were completed last evening. Fine prizes have been secured and charming music engaged. The following ladies are in charge of the whist:

Afternoon:—Mrs. T. F. Cotter, Mrs. Joseph Whitcomb, Mrs. John Bray, Mrs. Joseph Dargan, Mrs. Vincent Honnecker, Mrs. Bernard Cogan, Mrs. Theresa Neal.
Evening:—Mrs. J. A. McGuinness, Mrs. John Prindle, Mrs. Fred C. Mullins, Mrs. John Hotz, Mrs. L. H. Hill, Mrs. Eugene Carten, Mrs. I. B. Williams, Mrs. Peter Doolan, Mrs. John Barkey, Mrs. Frank Quinlan, Mrs. Geo. McCarthy.

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1 Maple Princess Dresser \$35	1 2-piece Parlor Suit...Now \$85
1 Maple Dresser \$30...Now \$20	1 4-piece Mahogany Dining Suit \$146
1 Iron Folding Bed \$38...Now \$18	1 Mahogany Buffet \$40...Now \$30
1 Maple Dresser \$25...Now \$15.50	1 Oak Set Dining Chairs \$26.50
1 Brass Bed \$58...Now \$42	1 Oak Set Dining Chairs \$17.50
1 Curly Birch Chiffonier \$21	1 Kitchen Cabinet \$20 Now \$12.50

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